

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

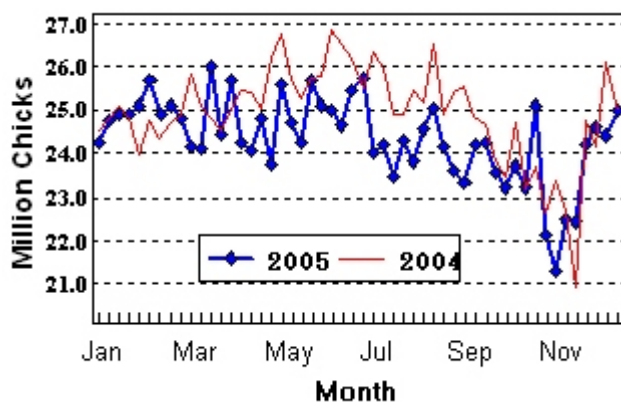
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 25.0 million during the week ending December 24, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2004, but up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 24, 2005 were 1.27 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 26.0 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

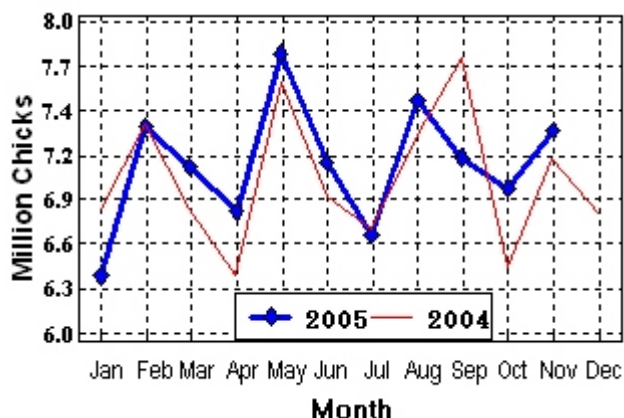
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 31.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 24, 2005, up 1 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.30 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2005, up 2 percent from November 2004.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2004- 2005**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Nov. 19	22,691	22,501	99
Nov. 26	20,983	22,459	107
Dec. 3	24,740	24,197	98
Dec. 10	24,158	24,596	102
Dec. 17	26,068	24,418	94
Dec. 24	25,011	24,990	100

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Jun.	6,890	7,109	103
Jul.	6,688	6,657	100
Aug.	7,280	7,484	103
Sep.	7,758	7,132	92
Oct.	6,457	6,944	108
Nov.	7,128	7,298	102

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	03-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec		19-Nov	26-Nov	03-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	24-Dec	
Alabama	31,665 *	31,594 *	31,568 *	31,317	107	19,606	20,419	21,096 *	21,565 *	22,002 *	21,361	100
ARKANSAS	31,284	31,147	31,368	31,406	101	22,501	22,459	24,197	24,596 *	24,418	24,990	100
Delaware	4,017	4,047	4,068	4,068	101	4,697	5,897	5,068	5,625	5,854	5,738	105
Florida	1,374	1,364	1,362	1,358	102	1,640	1,644	1,719	1,573	1,473	1,593	112
Georgia	33,839	34,179	34,470	33,817	100	24,600	26,195	26,756	26,557	27,601	26,858	102
Kentucky	6,599	7,171 *	7,096 *	6,906	112	5,563	5,834	5,749	5,871	5,931 *	5,603	94
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	104	3,852	3,507	4,235	3,828	4,057	4,252	114
Maryland	8,885	8,974	9,013	9,013	103	5,443	5,148	5,456	5,443	5,626	5,912	115
Mississippi	18,704	18,661	18,463	18,492	97	14,960	16,395	15,850	16,707	16,535	16,668	97
N. Carolina	18,964 *	18,368	18,997 *	18,841	103	14,999	13,967 *	14,963	15,209	15,583 *	15,407	109
Oldahom	6,675	6,676	6,661 *	6,621	101	4,539	4,942	5,101	5,181	4,656	5,071	104
Pennsylvania	3,994 *	4,182	4,152	3,989	104	2,911	3,021	3,023	2,992	2,984	3,214	118
S. Carolina	5,097	5,089	5,273	4,945	103	4,085	4,509	3,865	4,051 *	4,579	4,732	105
Texas	15,159	15,160	15,143	15,157	101	11,521	12,759	12,610	12,840	12,808	12,795	102
Virginia	6,378	6,393	6,359	6,373	102	5,083	5,173	5,342	4,876	5,398	5,286	103
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,419 *	17,393 *	17,926 *	17,797	101	17,077 *	17,071	16,821 *	16,398 *	16,862 *	15,602	98
Total 2005	214,189 *	214,534 *	216,055 *	214,236		163,077 *	168,940 *	171,851 *	173,312 *	176,367 *	175,082	
Total 2004	208,114	209,584	211,111	209,901		162,518	165,545	170,790	171,447	172,727	171,547	
%Prev. Year	103	102	102	102		100	102	101	101	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan	05-Feb	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 24, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 24, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 24, 2005 were 8.87 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.